

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2009-293-E

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY – UPDATE OF CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS AND REQUEST FOR UPDATES AND REVISIONS TO SCHEDULES

In Order No. 2009-104(A), dated March 2, 2009, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) authorized South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G” or “Company”) to construct and operate two 1,117 net megawatt nuclear facilities (“Units”) to be located at the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station site near Jenkinsville, South Carolina.

In accordance with the Base Load Review Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 58-33-210 *et seq.*, in Order No. 2009-104(A), the Commission approved a preliminary construction schedule setting forth the then-current milestones for construction of the Units and a schedule of the anticipated components of capital costs of the Units. In addition, the Commission ordered SCE&G to provide it with annual updates regarding the progress of the construction.

In compliance with the requirements of the Base Load Review Act, on May 15, 2009, SCE&G submitted its Quarterly Report for the period ending March 31, 2009 (the “March 2009 Quarterly Report”). The March 2009 Quarterly Report shows that the Units are being constructed in accordance with the construction schedules and cumulative cost forecasts, with contingencies, as approved in Order No. 2009-104(A) and provided updated construction and capital costs schedules for the project. On July 21, 2009, SCE&G filed its annual update with the Commission of the construction progress related to the Units and requested modifications to the previously approved construction and capital costs schedules for the project. SCE&G has requested, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§ 58-33-270(E), that the Commission issue an order modifying the construction schedule and the capital costs schedule to reflect the updated schedules in the March 2009 Quarterly Report.

S.C. Code Ann. §§ 58-33-270(E) authorizes SCE&G to petition the Commission for modification of any of the schedules related to the construction of a base load generation facility. This statute provides that such requests shall be granted if the Commission finds that the changes are not the result of imprudence on the part of the SCE&G. The Company states that a) it and its contractors are presently on schedule to complete all future milestones within approved contingencies, b) that the changes to the schedules are being made to account for changes in timing and sequence of the construction activities for the Units, and c) that the changes do not alter the previously approved substantial completion dates for the Units or the overall cost of the project before escalation and allowance for funds used during construction.

A copy of the Company’s filing may be obtained from the Commission at the address below. Additionally, the filing is available on the Commission’s website at www.psc.sc.gov and is available from the corporate office of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company at 1426 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201.

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission’s Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, South Carolina on **Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.**

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **September 17, 2009**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2009-293-E.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below; the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and K. Chad Burgess, Assistant General Counsel, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, 1426 Main Street, Mail Code 130, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, on or before **September 17, 2009**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2009-293-E.***

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **September 17, 2009**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2009-293-E.***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of the proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

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